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STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-5, 7-23 and 25-58 are pending.

Claims 1-5, 7-23 and 25-57 stand rejected.

Claim 58 stands objected to.

Claims 1, 19, 41 and 47 have been amended without prejudice herein.

Claim 58 has been cancelled without prejudice herein.

REMARKS

Change of Correspondence Address

Applicant has included herewith a form PTO/SB/122, requesting that all further correspondence be directed to the address associated with PTO Customer Account 45722.

Finality of the May 19, 2005 Office action

Applicant notes that the Office Action Summary and Public Pair system indicate the May 19, 2005 Office action as non-final. However, paragraph 5 of the May 19, 2005 Office action indicates the action as final. Applicant believes the action is non-final and requests confirmation of same.

Should a Notice of Allowance not be forthcoming, Applicant respectfully requests the next Office action be a non-advisory action.

Allowable Subject Matter

The May 19, 2005 Office action indicates that while Claim 58 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, it would be allowable if re-written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Claim 58 depended directly from Claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 58. More particularly, Claim 1 has been amended, without prejudice, to recite:

A method for processing account information contained in batch process files in an on-line like manner, said method comprising the steps of:

...

selecting one of said accounts in accordance with a control cycle and restricting access to said selected account,

...

wherein, the step of selecting one of said accounts in accordance with a control cycle and restricting access to said selected account includes de-queuing the account to be processed.

Claim 1 has also been amended, without prejudice, to improve its read-ability.

Accordingly, consistent with Examiner's reasons for allowable subject matter in the May 19, 2005 Office action, Applicant submits: (1) Claim 1 is in condition for allowance; and, (2) Claims 2-5 and 7-18, which each ultimately depend from Claim 1 are in condition for allowance, the early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

Independent Claim 19 has been similarly amended without prejudice to include subject matter of cancelled claim 58. More particularly, Claim 19 has been amended to recite:

A system for processing account information contained in batch process files in an on-line like manner, said system comprising:

...

a processor in communication with said memory operable to:

...

select one of said accounts in accordance with a control cycle and restrict access to said selected account;

...

wherein, the step of selecting one of said accounts in accordance with a control cycle and restricting access to said selected account includes de-queuing the account to be processed.

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Accordingly, Applicant submits: (1) Claim 19 is also in condition for allowance; and, (2) Claims 20-23 and 25-40, which each ultimately depend from Claim 19 are also in condition for allowance, the early notification of which is also earnestly solicited.

Independent Claim 41 has also been amended in similar fashion. More particularly, Claim 41 has been amended to recite:

A method for processing account information contained in batch process files in an on-line like manner, said method comprising the steps of:

...
selecting one of said accounts in accordance with a control cycle and restricting access to said selected account,

...
wherein, said selecting one of said accounts in accordance with a control cycle and restricting access to said selected account includes de-queuing the account to be processed.

Accordingly, and like amended Claims 1 and 19, Applicant submits: (1) Claim 41 is also in condition for allowance; and, (2) Claims 42-57, which each ultimately depend from Claim 41 are also in condition for allowance, the early notification of which is also earnestly solicited.

Claim 47 has been amended to depend from Claim 41. Consistent with the amendments to Claim 1, Claim 58 has been cancelled without prejudice herein.

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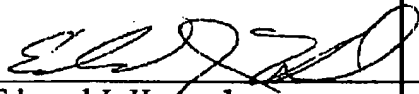
CONCLUSION

Applicant believes he has addressed all outstanding grounds raised in the outstanding Office action, and respectfully submits the present case is in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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